

EDITOR'S NOTE

Two scientific articles of considerable length on South American plants have appeared recently in *Rhodora*. This does not represent a new departure since *Rhodora* in the past has had papers dealing with the continent south of us. At this time we would like to define in a general way the geographical coverage of our journal in order to assist our contributors and facilitate the flow of good manuscripts in our direction. We would like to emphasize the fact that suitable papers on South American botany will be welcome insofar as space will permit their printing. We feel that it is important for *Rhodora* to be in the main stream of taxonomic research. As indicated by Dr. Schultes in his accompanying article in this number, South America is unusually rich in numbers of species of Angiosperms. In our hemisphere inevitably most of the descriptive taxonomy of the future will relate to the American tropics. In our opinion *Rhodora* should play a part in this great pioneering venture. Also, many members of the New England Botanical Club and some of the editorial board of *Rhodora* are very active in South American Taxonomy, and *Rhodora* certainly should make its pages available for their contributions.

As has been customary, in order to maintain some geographical identity, we shall continue not to accept papers dealing chiefly with plants of the Old World.

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